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## DTA named MN Transit System of the Year

BY MANDA LILLIE

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For the first time ever, the Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) has been named the Transit System of the Year by the Minnesota Public Transit Association. The DTA was named winner based on performance evaluations in efficiency and effectiveness, including reports on ridership, cost and safety.

Working as the primary mode of transportation for many college students, the DTA has an impact on the everyday lives of thousands of UMD students. This award reflects the adequacy of the local bus company to anyone who rides it, a service many campuses are lacking.

"Our greatest success has been at the University of Minnesota Duluth campus," said DTA General Manager, Dennis Jensen. "The ridership reflects the fact that the system is getting to be very effective."

The U-Pass system has been an especially successful program for students riding the bus. By allowing UMD enrollees to ride for free, the DTA's system has been utilized by over 3 million riders since the program's inception.

Gabe Fall, a junior, said that his overall experience with the DTA has been positive and that it's great for a mid-sized city like

Duluth to have such a program. However, he said that timing is an issue that needs to be addressed.

"You never know when [the bus] is going to be early or late," Fall said.

Jensen said delays are an issue due to construction, as well as the amount of students wanting to ride simultaneously. He recommended that students call 218-722-7283 when planning to ride the bus. The hotline provides information regarding scheduled routes quickly and easily.

Technology is another contributing factor to the DTA's success.

"There have been many, many innovations that we've brought to the DTA and most of them are really geared toward getting more accurate information into the hands of the consumer," Jensen said.

The DTA has added two hybrid buses to their fleet with the hopes of having a total of six by October. The fleet would then consist of 10 percent of hybrid vehicles. Other innovations include tools such as Google Transit and the real-time bus monitor, Web Watch. Both provide accurate information about routes. In the future they hope to communicate changes concerning construction and traffic sooner than in the past.

"It's the people," Jensen said. "We are a service organization, and we try to anticipate exactly what it is individuals need."

## Stats may not reflect all of campus crime

BY DAVID COWARDIN

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University crime statistics from 2005 to 2008 were e-mailed to all students last week, however, some numbers don't necessarily represent crime in its entirety across campus.

"There are some offenses that don't fall inside this realm," said Kathy Skelton, director of student and community standards, in regards to the statistics the university is required to report on a yearly basis.

Under the Clery Act, a federal statute, the university is only required to report on certain offenses. When it comes to assault, the requirement is narrowly tailored only to aggravated assault, and not inclusive of domestic abuse and fourth and fifth degree assault.

Similarly, liquor law violations don't include instances when students over the age of 21 are highly intoxicated at a campus event and require hospitalization or a trip to a detox center.

Skelton said she is unaware of any universities that report more than what is required under the Clery Act.

University crime statistics show an increase in both aggravated assault but liquor law violations from 2007 to 2008. Aggravated assault charges increased by two cases, and liquor law violations saw a more dramatic increase—climbing from

### Crime Statistics

Year	Aggravated Assaults
2005	0
2006	0
2007	1(1)
2008	3(2)

### Liquor Law Violations

2005	335(281)
2006	446(356)
2007	340(250)
2008	420(333)

### Drug Law Violations

2005	10(8)
2006	11(9)
2007	22(14)
2008	28(16)

\* the first number is the total number of violations that occurred on campus. The number in parenthesis are the violations that occurred in university apartments and residence halls. Crime statistics can be found on the UMD Web site.

340 to 420 cases.

As for 2009, Sgt. Tim LeGarde said UMD Police have been busy and he suspects numbers to remain steady. He said the jump in liquor law violations from 2007 is a concern, but through education he hopes that numbers will start to trend down; for the past four years UMD Police has been active in the Introduction to College Learning classes, in addition to holding presen-

tations during Welcome Week.

"We try to educate people or at least get information out to them," LeGarde said. "We're real approachable."

Education through the university has undergone a change this year following the emergence of the new alcohol protocol. The protocol now extends the university's right to oversee off-campus behavior.

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# UMD explores Lake Superior

## Students deploy first Autonomous Underwater Glider into Great Lakes

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The cold, dark waters of Lake Superior contain countless wildlife oddities, but now something even more intriguing can be found in the foreboding depths of the Bay Area.

The Autonomous Underwater Glider (AUG) is the first un-manned machine ever deployed in any of the Great Lakes. It was launched into Lake Superior on Sept. 17 and has been collecting statistics and sending them back to a computer in data reports ever since.

This allows Jay Austin, assistant professor in UMD's physics department, and the man behind this new technology, to collect real-time data at least once every three hours or when the AUG has completed a mission, whichever comes first. When the AUG loses track of its objective or thinks it has completed a task, it surfaces and tries to make contact with Austin through a call. If it is unable to make a connection, it returns underwater for three more hours where it is unreachable.

"The idea was that it presented us with a whole new way to study the lake," Austin said. "Before we would have to go out and lower instruments in the water in order to get data. Now, all I have to do is give it a mis-

sion, data I want it to collect, and it will go out and do it for us."

Austin has sole control over the AUG. He types out commands on his computer from home and at work, giving the glider instructions. By simply pressing "Ctrl+R," Austin can make the device, which may be miles away, resume its mission.

"Right now, if something is going to go wrong, I want to be the one to mess it up," Austin said. "So I'm the only one working on it and who can control it."

Because the AUG requires no maintenance work, Austin hasn't seen it since it was launched on Sept. 17 from UMD Mathematics and Statistics instructor, Angela Sharp's, boat. Unlike the other UMD research vessel, the Blue Heron, the AUG is also inexpensive to run. Whereas the Blue Heron required refueling every two weeks, the AUG can run up to 25 days on a set of D-Cell batteries.

The glider moves fairly slowly, at about one mile an hour. When it is told to go deeper, the glider makes itself heavier and tilts downward. When told to ascend to the surface, it loses weight and tilts upward. The AUG moves in a zig-zag pattern until it reaches a desired location.

"It moves at a slow stroll pace," Austin said, "But it's constantly going. So, you know, if you start strolling and don't stop, you can



LARGE LAKES OBSERVATORY/SUBMITTED

(L to R) UMD students Zach Moore, Jason Agnich and Rual Lee launch the glider.

get pretty far in not too long of a time."

The AUG's first mission was to move back and forth along the waters near Two Harbors collecting data. Now it's on its way to the Wisconsin shore of Lake Superior.

Currently, the data the AUG is collecting is limited to temperature. Eventually Austin

would like to collect data on a wide range of things, from oxygen levels to chlorophyll content. The AUG opens up many new research and data-collecting opportunities and may be a vital addition to the science department's underwater endeavors.

## Search for new chancellor begins

BY DAYNA LANDGREBE

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Chancellor Martin will be at UMD until next July, but the beginning stages of a search for her replacement have already begun. A search committee from the U of M will be looking for and interviewing possible candidates.

U of M President, Bob Bruinicks, will be appointing the search committee to select candidates for the job. Bruinicks will charge the committee with the task of recruiting and searching for appropriate candidates, said Joe Kelly, the U of M's Human Resources chief of staff, in an e-mail interview.

The search committee is a group of various university and community partners, and according to Kelly, Bruinicks intends to meet with leaders of the UMD community to hear their thoughts on what they'd like to see in the next chancellor.

Because of Chancellor Martin's recent retirement announcement in the beginning of September, the search is still only in its

infancy, and no official committee has been named yet, Kelly said.

Bruinicks will be on campus in the near future, according to the e-mail, to hold a series of meetings. However, it's unclear if the series of meetings will include a public forum open for students and the community to attend.

"I'm not very familiar with [the search] since I'm a freshman, but yes, I believe students should have some say," said freshman, Anna Boyd.

Likewise, senior Stephanie Bresser said that while she wasn't sure how it could be carried off, students should have some kind of voice in the matter.

"I think I'd go to a public forum, and I think a lot of other students would too," Bresser said.

Kelly said that no parameters for the search had been set yet, and that no job descriptors like length of career, related experience or level of education have been decided.


Kelly also said that students, faculty and staff could send their thoughts and ideas on the chancellor search to President Bruinicks at upres@umn.edu.



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Chancellor Kathryn Martin announced her retirement in early September.





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## Get tunnel vision with student's new iPhone application

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Imagine you're driving a spaceship through a luminescent tunnel and with every twist and turn you have the control of your own destiny. Your mission is to stay within the boundaries of the tunnel; one course alteration and you're dead.

The new 3D Tunnel iPhone application can bring this virtual thrill to life thanks to Piero Toffanin, a freshman at UMD. Months ago, Toffanin started working on the game, and today it will finally be available for purchase as an iPhone or iPod Touch application.

"It took me about seven months. Every hour I had between classes and most of my weekends were put into the effort to build it," Toffanin said.

The submission process required 14 days, where Apple's reviewers have to check and see if the application fits their guidelines. Toffanin said the process was slow, but is excited his game got approved for sale.

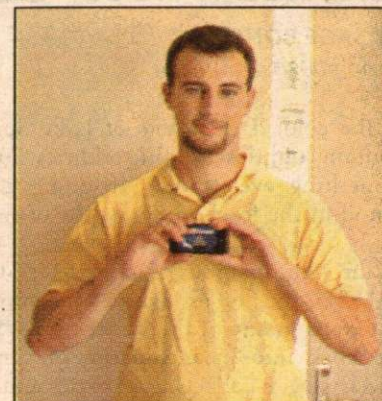
Toffanin knew of other 3D Tunnel applications, but said they aren't well designed. He believes his version is more unique because it's challenging, well designed and has a "thrilling" audio system.

Danielle Yung, a junior at the College of St. Scholastica, is one of Toffanin's friends who got the opportunity to watch 3D Tunnel grow into a success.

"I have personally been able to see the creation of the game from start to finish and I can really say that he has taken many steps to making this game fun for everyone," Yung said. "He takes every opinion into consideration and tries to improve his game to meet everyone's needs."

It is no surprise that Toffanin is a computer science major.

"I've always been interested in anything that has to do with computers. One day I was wondering what I could learn next and I ended up studying Mac OS X. After that,



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**Freshman Piero Toffanin created his own iPhone application.**

I studied the iPhone SDK and read a book about Objective-C (which is the main language developers use to develop for the iPhone) and I started building my first app," Toffanin said.

Born and raised in Italy, Toffanin has made an impressive mark in Duluth with his game design.

"He is definitely not alone," said Toffanin's Computer Science II Instructor, Steve Holtz. "But to be in introductory classes like he is, it is out of the ordinary for him to create something like that."

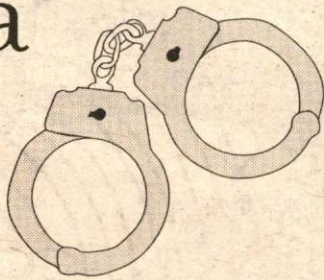
One interesting feature of this game is the online scoring and ranking system. This system allows players to determine their skill level by competing against people all over the world. After the player has passed all the levels, a sudden death mode is activated. Basically, this game mode is what sets the good players apart from the rest. This level is much harder than the rest, and it is up to the player to see how far she or he can get before they die.

"It is a really easy game to learn, but it's very challenging. Three levels of difficulty make it so that everyone is able to play and have fun," Toffanin said.

Interested in Toffanin's new app? Take no course alterations, get into your spaceship, and complete your mission. 3D Tunnel is available for purchase today for just \$2.99 on iTunes.



# Students flee police via swamp



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University police issued three underage consumption tickets Friday night after students ran into a swamp on Junction Avenue.

According to university police, around 2 a.m. Friday, a group of six students took off running when they saw a squad car driving in their direction on Junction Avenue.

The officer on duty saw where the students ran to and waited there for them to come out. Eventually, three of the students came out of the swamp wet and covered in weeds, according to university police.

The three students were given underage consumption tickets. Along with the drinking violations, one of the female students was taken to detox, university police said.

University police never found the other three students that night.

Over the weekend, university police gave out 19 underage consumption tickets, sent one student to the hospital and three students to detox.

### CORRECTION:

There was a correction in the H1N1 story from last week. Chaas Toborg did receive a doctor's note for his unconfirmed case of H1N1 last week. Toborg is also a junior, not a sophomore as the story stated.

Under the 2009-2010 UMD Student Conduct Code Sanctioning Guideline, possible sanctions for on- and off-campus violations include:

### First Violation

- e-mail letter of warning

### Second Violation

- alcohol educational program
- chemical dependency screening (student account charged)
- probation, suspension, or expulsion
- parental notification

### Third Violation

- chemical dependency
- assessment (student billed for cost)
- other sanctions, as appropriate (e.g., probation, counseling, outpatient treatment, suspension, or expulsion)
- parental notification

### Fourth Violation

- suspension or expulsion from university

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Last year, upon first violation of the student conduct code, a \$75 educational class was required for the offender. This year, a first-violation offender will only receive an e-mail letter of warning.

"It's a matter of staffing resources. We don't have the money to hire another judicial affairs officer," Skelton said.

A lack of funding may prove to be problematic in dealing with the root of the issue. Regardless of the method, he said safety is their main concern.

"We're looking at it as a safety concern issue, we've always imposed educational sanctions versus punitive sanctions," Skelton said.

Lack of funding; however, has limited the amount of educational outreach for first offenders, creating a problem that may need to be solved by measures beyond

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## Local ski legends honored at Spirit Mountain



The event honored World War II vets who helped to promote MN ski resorts

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Many students know the Bagley Nature Area as being a relaxing place to walk around and look at trees, wildlife and Rock Pond. What students may not know is that this area used to be called Rock Hill Park Area and was home to skiing.

The now relaxing nature area was once a popular place to ski until 1975, when it was reconstructed and renamed Bagley Nature Area. One of the reasons this area changed from a skiing attraction to a wildlife attraction was because of the ever-growing Spirit Mountain.

Since its opening, Spirit Mountain has been a favorite winter recreation spot. This year it celebrates its 35-year anniversary with the Head of The Lakes Alpine Celebration. This event is in honor of the

men from WWII that helped create it and those who have skied there since.

"It's a kick off to the 35-year anniversary but not in honor of Spirit Mountain. Spirit Mountain is hosting the event," said Jodi Nelson, Spirit Mountain administrative assistant. "This is an evening to identify and honor skiing legends in this area."

The event will consist of a "walking timeline," Nelson said. There will be old skiing pictures, vintage clothing and skiing equipment. This is the first event held at Spirit Mountain to honor such esteemed guests.

"We're very excited to be honoring legends and pioneers that brought skiing to the Northland," Nelson said.

During World War II, many men served the war in the 10th Mountain Division in northern Italy. These men trained and fought the war on skis. What these men brought back from the war was the idea to bring skiing to the U.S., and that's exactly what they did.

In the Northland, these men started Giants Ridge, Mont du Lac, Lutsen Mountain, Telemark and our very own Spirit Mountain.

Some of these men will be honored at this event along with Twin Ports Olympians Cindy Nelson, George Hovland and Mason Aguirre.

"It's going to be like a ski reunion," said Cindy Nelson. "I'm very excited."

This public event is being held at Spirit Mountain on Oct. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 and must be ordered in advance. Contact Jodi Nelson at jnelson@spirit.mt.com for more information.



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Above: Skiers take a break at the top of Spirit Mountain. Below: The 10th Mountain Division fought in World War II in the Italian Alps on skis.



# KUMD 103.3FM the basement

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## ALBUM SPOTLIGHT

Artist: The Raveonettes  
Album: In and Out of Control



The Raveonettes are Danish duo Sune Rose Wagner and Sharin Foo. Drawing from influences like the Everly Brothers and Velvet Underground, The Raveonettes' shoegaze songs sound like a modern and upbeat Jesus and Mary Chain. Their last album "Lust Lust Lust" served as a turning point in the bands discography as the once four to five piece group was whittled down to a duo. "In And Out Of Control" is their fourth studio album and sounds like a continuation of last years release "Lust Lust Lust." It will be released on October 6th, 2009.

# Fitness at your fingertips

## Getting in shape with Molly

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Does the new school year find you with a desire to be fit? Ever feel like the study snacking, late night pizza deliveries and weekend partying is catching up with you? Believe it or not, the UMD Sports and Health Center has a solution for you, and there's no better time to get active.

"I don't know one 80-year-old who wishes he would've sat around and played more video games in his youth," said UMD's Fitness Coordinator, Rod Raymond.

UMD notably has some of the best instructors and equipment in the nation, said Raymond, who has been with the program since 1983. UMD's Sports and Health Center is fully equipped with over 70 cardio machines including ellipticals, recumbent cycles, upright cycles, steppers, treadmills and rowing machines. The state-of-the-art weight room includes Life Fitness, Hammer Strength and Body Master machines, as well as a well-rounded free weight area.

Sound intimidating to you? You're not alone. Gym intimidation is common among students and faculty alike. However, after overcoming the simple fears and making a workout part of your daily routine, you'll wonder why you didn't start sooner.

"Get over the fear that keeps you from engaging," Raymond said. "You have one chance at being young and living the free life here at UMD. What are you waiting for? No one gives a crap if you are a bit fat or if you are clumsy; it's college."

Not sure which buttons to push on all those machines? No worries; the RSOP staff is right there to help.

Of course, the idea of running 30 minutes on a treadmill doesn't sound appealing to everyone. But at UMD, the workout options are extensive.

"I really like the variety of workouts that are possible at the gym," said UMD student Sam Lobby, a regular gym-goer. "They have pretty much anything you could ever need to get in great shape."

Lobby also regularly attends UMD's group fitness classes. "I love to lift, but I like to try to balance out the work that gets you bigger with the work that gets you more toned and supports your core," Lobby said.

Although the classes have been loaded with participants this fall, Lobby is one of the few males who regularly attend.

"I think that if guys just gave it a shot they would really like it. It's definitely a good workout for guys, and I would suggest it to anyone looking for an intense, fun workout," Lobby said.

UMD faculty and staff are also reaping the benefits of group fitness classes. Rae Ann Johnson, who works in the department of psychology, attends a class every day over her lunch hour.

"It's so convenient," Johnson said, "and there are so many different choices to pick from."

For many, a group exercise setting is more motivating than working out solo. UMD graduate school employee, Tami Vatalaro, said, "The classes challenge me more than if I go on my own; I like the extra push."

Vatalaro has also enjoyed UMD's personal training option. She hired a personal trainer last year, and obtained the results she wanted. "It really toned me up and built up my endurance," Vatalaro said.

If you're looking for a fitness program tailored entirely for your body and lifestyle, consider a personal trainer. Whether it be for weight loss, general workout motivation or to get a ripped, toned body, a trainer might be just what you're looking for.

So take a break from the video games, the library and Facebook and head to the gym to find what you like. Make it a part of you and your daily routine.

"I always hear people saying how exercise helps you do better in school, but you don't really realize how many different benefits there are until you are in a good routine," Lobby said.

Hop on an elliptical machine, request a personal trainer or attend your first group fitness class.

"Fitness is not a luxury, it's a necessity," Raymond said. "No one is going to move your body for you." Fitness really is at your fingertips, and there's no better time for it than now.



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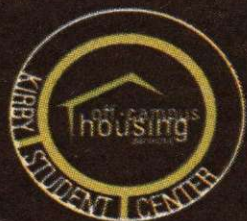


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## Book review: "A Year in Provence" by Peter Mayle

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We can often feel bogged down in the mundane tasks of the day: Cooking, cleaning, homework and the weekly trip to the grocery store.

How many times to you want to throw your hands up and run away to a foreign destination and give up the trials and tribulations of normal life?

One of my favorite books by a wonderful author is "A Year in Provence" by Peter Mayle, and he does just that, he packs up his life in advertising and moves to the South

of France.

"A Year in Provence" is the first in a four-part series by Mayle about life for an English expatriate living in a 200 year old French farmhouse, nestled at the base of the Luberon Mountains.

Mayle's enchanting words transport you to a region of the world we often dream about but seldom visit. Mayle begins the journey on Jan. 1 and the book follows one year of his life. Each chapter of the book is a new month and new discoveries are made. Wine casks are opened, food is prepared and bread is baked.

With charm and a sense of humor, Mayle describes his interesting neighbors and new friends. He shares the frustrations of remodeling while dealing with French masons, painters and plumbers: All who seem to take months instead of the agreed week and a half.

Mayle said that, "We were learning to think in seasons instead of days or weeks. Provence wasn't going to change its tempo for us."

"A Year in Provence" is an excellent book to curl up with and enjoy that slow Provencal tempo, whether you have some down time between classes or a long bus ride home.

If you enjoy the feeling of slowing down, pick up the next book in the series, *Toujours Provence*.

Do you have a favorite book? If you have questions, comments or story ideas, send me an e-mail at lebe0051@d.umn.edu and let's meet up again next week, just you, me and UMD.

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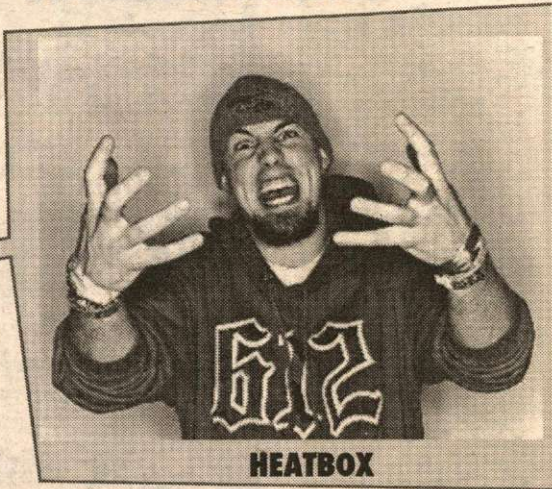
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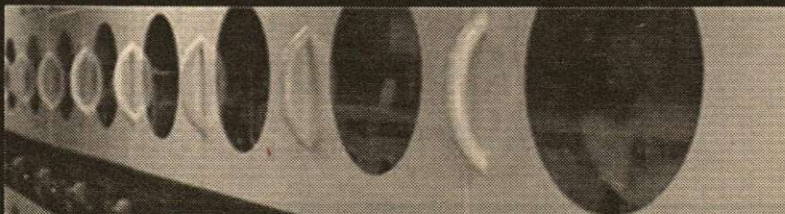
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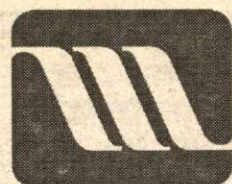
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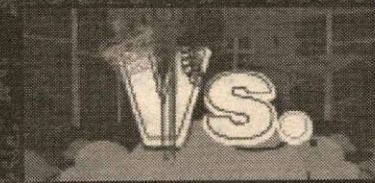
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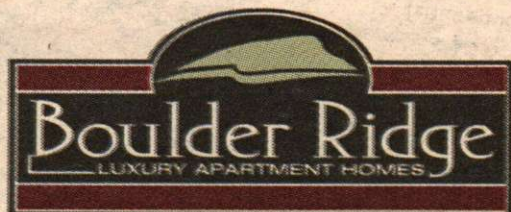
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But campus knowledge isn't everything. Outside of College Square resides the entire city of Duluth, with active citizens, communities and places. College is a place that's called community, but the entire community does not rest in the college.

UMD, like many college campuses, has an Office of Civic Engagement. Use it. According to their Web site, 1,751 people volunteered at 93 different sites around Duluth during the 2006-2007 school year. And yet, with a student body of nearly 12,000 people, only a fraction of students are being reached through this venue.

It's not easy to jump into a new city, but part of college is learning about the city you live in; that city can become a home away from home. Being civically engaged benefits the community. It benefits people within the community, and most importantly, it benefits you. Think, resume builder. Or, having the ability to show off some local knowledge at a job interview.

You can say that this isn't really your town, and that you're not planning to be here after college anyway, fine. But since you're here now, enlighten yourself. Take yourself out to the ballgame at Wade Stadium or to the Anchor Bar (best burgers just over the Blatnik). It doesn't hurt to brush up on your local history either; did you know that Snivley (rhymes with Tively) Road was named after the 25<sup>th</sup> mayor of Duluth? Or that Duluth is home to the Karpeles Manuscript Museum, the world's largest private holding of original manuscripts and documents.

Over two weeks ago, Duluth held primary elections for city council and school board. On Nov. 3, the general election will decide on the city's newest publicly elected voices. Do some research on the candidates. Find out what precinct you're in and go vote.

Whether students volunteer for class requirements, a service-learning experience or get involved because they're interested, no one can argue with a well-educated society. If this is your city for the next four years or beyond, take it in and have some fun doing it.

-Dayna Landgrebe

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Tuition too high

Why is tuition so high? When I began college as a freshman at UMD, one credit was \$213 a year. Now one credit costs \$340. Looking at it another way, the tuition for a three-credit class now costs more than four years of tuition when I was a student. Of course, the cost of living is up, but even adjusted for inflation, tuition is now more than six times as high as it was fifty years ago. I do not think that the increase in tuition was planned, but I do not think that it was a complete accident either.

There are a number of possible explanations for increased tuition, including increased faculty salaries, increased amenities, and increased financial support for students. Perhaps most important is the fact that the state pays a smaller proportion of the cost of education than it used to. I think that the quality of education that students get at UMD has improved since I was a student, but the improvement is nothing like six-fold.

*\*Beginning next week, The Statesman will start a series of stories covering the topic and issues of financial aid and tuition. To contribute a Letter to the Editor on financial aid, tuition or any other topic, send letters to [cowar006@d.umn.edu](mailto:cowar006@d.umn.edu).*

There are two bad consequences of high tuition. One is that many students who attend college have to work hard to pay their bills and do not have as much time as they should to study and to enjoy their college experience. Many leave with large debts that limit their future choices. Perhaps a worse consequence of high tuition is that few children of poor and working-class parents can afford to attend college and many who start college fail to graduate.

This year I want to try to understand why tuition is so high at UMD and at many other colleges and universities in the U.S. I would like to hear what other people think about high tuition.

Dick Green  
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## H1N1: Paranoia or pandemic?

BY HOLLY NELSON

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Is the H1N1 virus another Y2K phenomena driven by the media, or is it a potentially worldwide pandemic that calls for severe precautions by all? Is quarantining students going overboard? I did not truly understand the hype of the H1N1 virus until I was diagnosed with it and forced to wear a mask in isolation for days while trying to catch up on a week worth of homework.

Before my diagnosis, I was critical of the growing fear of what seemed to be just another strand of the flu. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) Web site states that on average, 5 to 20 percent of the U.S. population contracts influenza every year, around 200,000 people are hospitalized and 36,000 die. Why does the media hype up the handful of deaths caused by H1N1 but not the 36,000 influenza deaths every year? What

is the importance of H1N1 compared to the multitude of other viruses that cause death?

At the time of my research, the CDC was still reporting individual cases found within each state. Now, the H1N1 numbers have increased exponentially so that these individual case-counts became an inaccurate representation of those diagnosed with H1N1. As stated by the CDC, from April 15, to July 24, states reported just under 44,000 probable and confirmed cases of H1N1, and the number has grown since then.

Now, after witnessing the extreme precautions Health Services took with me (masks, gowns, separated flu victim entrances and waiting areas), I understand the importance of isolating oneself. During my examination, a nurse at Health Services explained to me that the reason the medical field is taking this virus so seriously is not because of how it affects most people, but because of how it affects those that have underlying medical conditions

such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease and pregnancy. For example, a statistic from the CDC said, "Asthma occurs in 8 percent of the U.S. population, but 32 percent of hospitalized novel H1N1 flu patients had asthma." We must treat this situation very carefully because we do not want people with these medical conditions to become hospitalized or possibly even die because of our carelessness and lack of ability to wash our hands.

In addition, not only have the numbers increased greatly, but what we know about the H1N1 virus changes daily. Just recently, the symptoms reported by the CDC changed drastically when they found that many cases did not report a fever. During my examination, the Health Service staff members explained how little we really know about H1N1 and why it's so important that people, especially college students living in cramped housing, stay up to date with the current CDC recommendations.

They told me to not be surprised or angry if different recommendations or verified symptoms come out in a couple weeks because this virus is so new that even the CDC keeps introducing new findings from their research almost daily. In order to stop the spread of H1N1, we must do our best to keep up with the current CDC recommendations. We should stay educated and involved in what is going on, not only to protect ourselves from missing school and work, but to protect those we care about that have a higher risk of complications from the H1N1 virus.

For these reasons, all of the recommended precautions are necessary and should be taken seriously. They may seem extreme, but they are worth the effort when it comes to the difference between life and death for some, or a week worth of homework to make up for others. Trust me.

## Current recession conditions parallel Great Depression era

BY RYAN LYK

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The economy is an often fluctuating, cyclical entity. There has never been a point in history where it has not eventually gone down and then come back up. But last week, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke reported that "from a technical perspective the recession is very likely over at this point." Bernanke continued, "it's still going to feel like a very weak economy for some time." What we are seeing now could possibly be the beginning of an eventual rise after a deep recession, but the important issue is when the recovery period will begin to show.

According to the Washington Post article "Leading economic indicators rise in August," reports show that after the month of August, economic activity has risen for the fifth straight month. Because of these indicators, Bernanke's statements coincide with the Obama Administration's love affair with telling us how things will get better in an undetermined amount of time, yet we are never told how much time.

There are various economic signs in recent months that indicate a rise, but there are also some that continue to show signs of a recession. According to the Bloomberg article, "US leading economic index increased 0.6 percent in August,"

"unemployment rose in 27 U.S. states in August, with California, Nevada and Rhode Island reaching record levels of joblessness." To add to this, Yahoo Finance recently reported that "ten big companies are veering toward bankruptcy," such as Sprint Nextel, Macy's and CBS. The small economic increases we are seeing could very well be drowned out when all other factors are taken into account.

Historically speaking, this seems rather familiar, and should cause economists to exercise caution when making big statements about the recession ending. In 1933 during the Great Depression, the GDP, U.S. money supply and the Dow Jones

were slowly rising. These three economic indicators were revealing a turn-around in the recession. However, the unemployment rate began to rise as well and then the depression lasted until the 1940s, more than seven years after the economy appeared to be getting better. There is a very clear and definite relationship between these two recession periods in history.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's predecessor, Herbert Hoover, veered away from free-market capitalism, and began spending and intervening in the economy. When Roosevelt became president, he furthered Hoover's mistakes by implementing the New Deal. Rexford Guy Tugwell, a Roosevelt advisor, stated that "we didn't admit it at the time, but practically the whole New Deal was extrapolated from programs that Hoover started."

Many of the economic policies Obama has utilized

have strung from the Bush Administration's decisions. It could easily be argued that Obama furthered the spending laid out by Bush, proving yet again the parallelisms that exist between the scenarios. The similarity is frightening. If the two situations are so alike, why does it make sense to continue down a path that has failed before?

It is always good to see economic activity working itself out and improving. However, it seems like the current issues are far from over, and if history repeats itself, it could take even longer to recognize signs that the recession is truly over. Bernanke may be right about the changes in economic statistics. As for the recession being over, it seems like he has made a big mistake.

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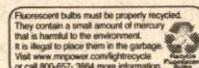
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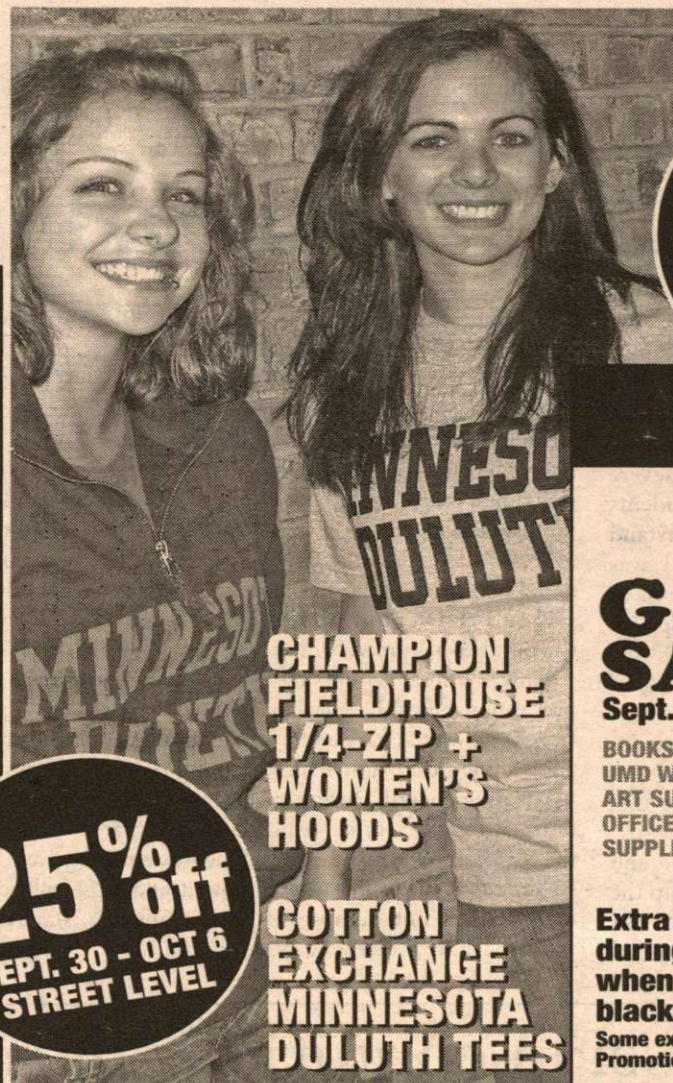
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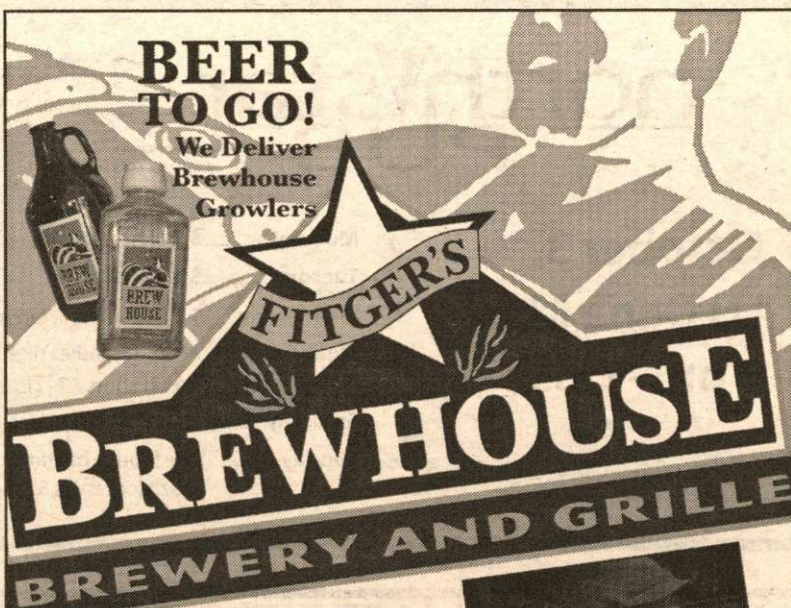
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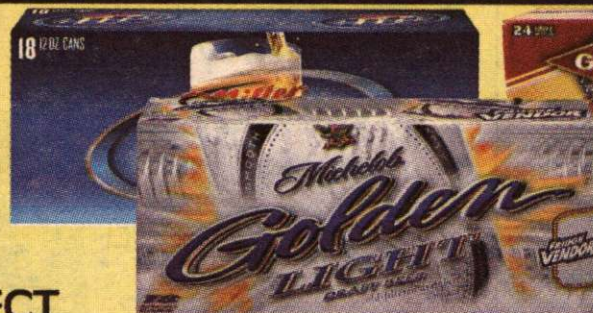
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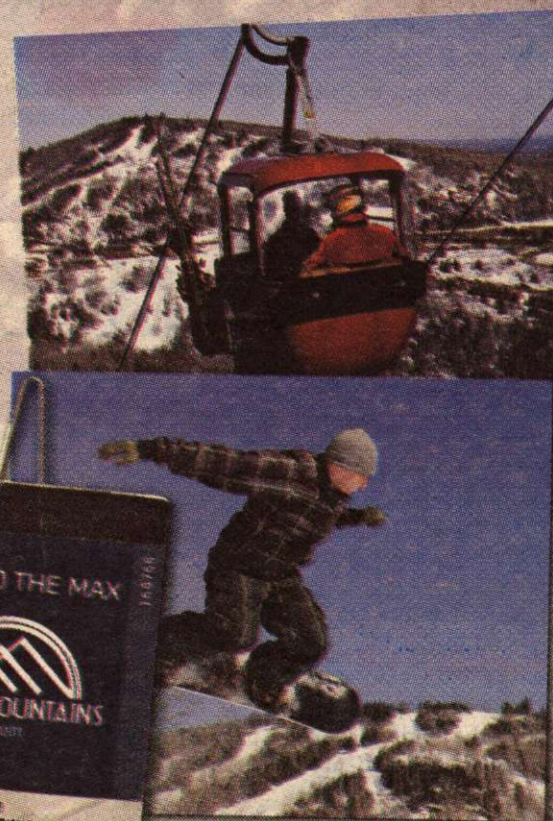
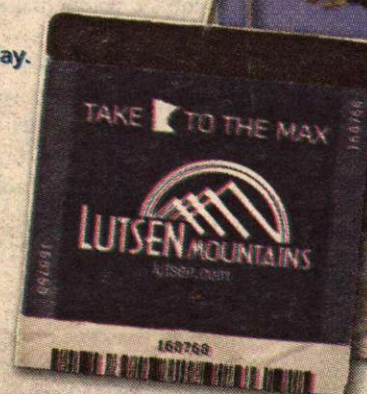
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## Walking a fine line

BY DAN POTAPENKO

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Slacklining, a sport that involves carefully suspending oneself onto a thin piece of nylon webbing between two supporting trees, is becoming popular around the world, and fast.

Originally practiced by climbers who were looking for something to do in the down-time between climbs, it's a relaxing sport and a great way to work on balance and strength.

Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) hosted a free workshop on the basics of slacklining Sept. 23, just outside Voss-Kovach Hall. Students who attended were taught how to set up a line, familiarized with the equipment needed to slackline and heard tips on walking the line, however, most of the time though was devoted to letting newcomers give it a go.

With slacklining, the fun begins when you get a foot up on the webbing. Though the first time up a trembling leg may give a beginner some trouble, practice will sharpen their skills and reflexes until they can take early steps.

Once you are ready to walk forward, here are some tips.

- Slacklining is more about breathing and relaxing than anything else.
- Looking down will throw off your balance so pick a spot ahead of you and focus on that

spot to help stay steady.

- Keep your knees a little bent, and make sure your foot is centered on the line before you begin to put weight on it.

- If you feel yourself falling, don't be a hero, simply step off. The worst spills happen, even to the most experienced, when a slacker tries to recover from a wobble.

When the walk is proficient, then comes time to surf the line. Surfing involves standing in the middle of the webbed line and purposely swaying side to side. The best surfers are able to get almost parallel to the ground.

There are also knee touches, flips and sit-starts. One interesting trick to see, and difficult to try, is called dueling. Dueling is when two people start on opposite sides of the rope and walk towards each other and attempt to meet in the middle.

The set up for slacklining involves tying the nylon webbing around two objects, usually trees with a diameter of at least 10 inches. Slackliners then put either a piece of carpet or towel around where the rope makes contact with the tree, preventing rope burns on the trunk.

Once the line is set up, it is pulled so tightly that when someone walks onto it, the line stays elevated off the ground.

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Dan Fordice focuses on his footing as he walks across the slackline outside Voss-Kovach.

## Taste of the trail: Camp cooking

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When out on a camping adventure, an explorer should never forget a poncho, some extra socks and a sleeping bag. But when it comes to food, the most appropriate decisions are often difficult to make.

Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP) offered a chance for students to learn how to better make these decisions with an event called "Cooking for the Trail," which took place on Sept. 22 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

"When cooking in the wilderness, you can really be as creative as you want," said UMD student Marcie Thole, "But simplicity has its benefits."

While students Nicole Vander Heiden and Nathan Williams taught the lessons every good camp chef should know, the participants began to chop, boil and bake.

The main course was a dish called gado gado, a Thai-inspired

creation consisting of vegetables and tofu mixed with a soy-peanut sauce over a bed of rice. For dessert there were brownies, cooked with a makeshift Dutch oven and a box of dry batter.

The lessons Vander Heiden and Williams taught harped on the importance of cost, nutrition and extra weight. "A lot of people think that when you go camping you can't bring things like cheese and eggs, but you can," Williams said.

In fact, "once we took a brick of Velveta on the trail for 45 days and ate it till the day after the trip, though it was a different shape every time we pulled it out of the bag," said graduate student, Jesse Davis.

For planning a trip, Vander Heiden and Williams recommended that \$7 per person, per day is usually a good rule of thumb. And though meat is a healthy, hearty protein, vegetarian meals are easier to pack and maintain.

The group leaders talked about how commercial freeze-dried camping meals, though convenient and light, are often

very expensive, high in sodium and with portions that are unrealistic. They also talked about boxed meals, which, too, are cheap and handy, are high sodium and normally require impractical ingredients to make.

With bulk foods an approving consensus was reached; they are cheap, healthy, easy to carry and often simple to make.

Fresh foods were recommended for their nutrition, and the group leaders gave several examples of fresh produce being edible surprisingly longer than expected.

The cooking supplies were from the RSOP Rental Center, which can be rented for students who are interested in taking their own excursions. The rented materials we needed for gado gado were a stove with white gas for fuel, pots and pans and a utensil kit.

So create a menu, rent some materials and plan to hit the trail because the red, orange and gold colors of autumn will soon be at their finest.



# Trail cameras capture the moment

BY MARK BOYLE

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A bear cub climbs along the angled trunk of a fallen Spruce tree, while in a nearby river a beaver sits atop a masterpiece, his dam.

These beautiful, brief moments in nature are seen in person by only a lucky few who happen to be in the right place at the right time. Fortunately for the rest of us, these images live on in pictures taken by people like local Duluth resident Sean Hall.

When Hall purchased land for hunting near Floodwood, Minn., his intentions were simple: He wanted cameras set up to get an idea for the number of deer on his property. He said that a friend of his knew all about outdoor cameras and helped him set up his first one.

"The first pictures I got were of bucks, and I thought it was the coolest thing I ever saw," Hall said, as he pointed out a picture of a large buck.

He has seen what he thinks to be the same deer growing up on his property for several years in a row now.

The cameras are point and shoot Sonys, ranging from 3.2 to 12 megapixels triggered by infrared heat and motion-sensor devices.

All of the components fit inside a camouflage hard case, with small windows for the shutter and flash.

Kits can be purchased, including the case and the components needed to modify the camera, for \$150. After the additional cost of the camera and other expenses, each unit will end up around \$250. But Hall says you can do everything yourself for about half the price.

Once the units are completed, they are mounted on brackets that are then screwed into tree trunks and locked tight. The camouflage cases hide them well, and muffle any noise rendering them inaudible to the human ear.

"I'm pretty sure that the deer can hear it when the shutter opens, but it clearly doesn't bother them too much because they keep coming back," Hall said.

After a bear tore one of the units off of a tree, doing significant damage to the camera, Hall had to modify his system to add a cable, equipped with a lock that helps secure it to the trees in addition to the brackets.

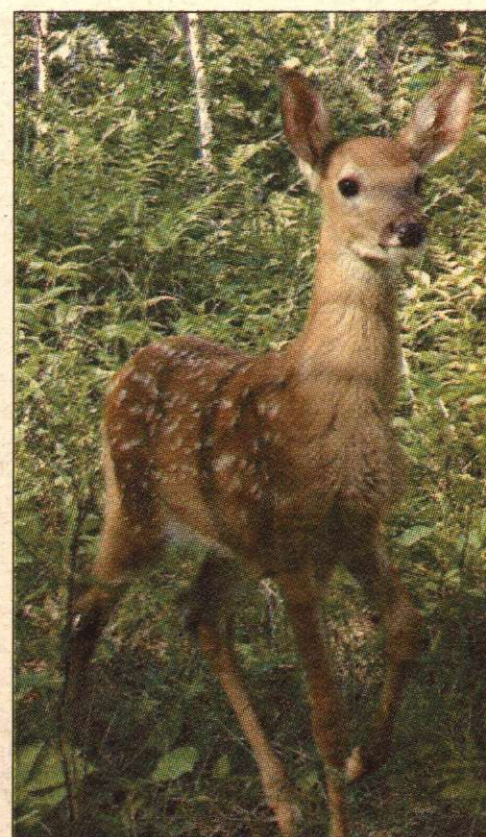
Hall's unique cameras capture breathtaking images of many animals native to northern Minnesota, including grouses, pheasants, deer, bears, beavers, kingfishers, foxes and

plenty of others. Hall said, "It's like being a kid holding a candy jar, and you really never know what you're going to get."

All of the cameras take astonishingly clear pictures up close, but Hall has recently been using some higher megapixel cameras. "The 12 megapixel cameras are really nice," said Hall. "You can crop and zoom in all the way across a field and still maintain a quality resolution."

Hall has hunted all his life. He started at a young age with his father and brother, creating a love for the outdoors that inevitably carried into his adulthood.

Hall has compiled a number of his pictures into a 2010 calendar. The calendars are for sale in the UMD Lower Level Bookstore.



PHOTOS BY SEAN HALL/SUBMITTED  
LEFT: A wild fox in the northern woods near Duluth. RIGHT: One of Sean Hall's many hand-crafted trail cameras.



## SLACKLINE

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As one might guess, the tighter a line is, the faster it will sway. But the looser a line is, the slower it will sway, making it just as difficult to control. The debate is ongoing as to which is better, but for beginners, the RSOP leaders agreed that a tighter line was superior.

When a slackliner becomes fluent with the ways of the line, it is time to set up a circuit. A circuit is like a slackline jungle gym, made simply by tying more lines to surrounding objects.

Interested in slacklining or thinking about giving it a try? Keep an eye out for the next workshop in the spring RSOP Activities Catalog. If you like the combination of fun, relaxation, and balance, slacklining is worth a shot.



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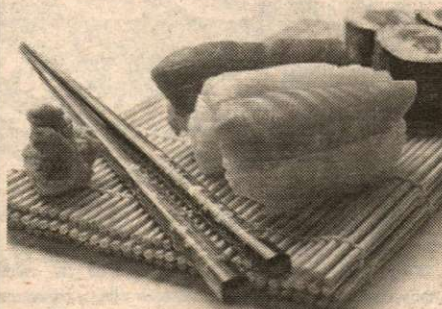
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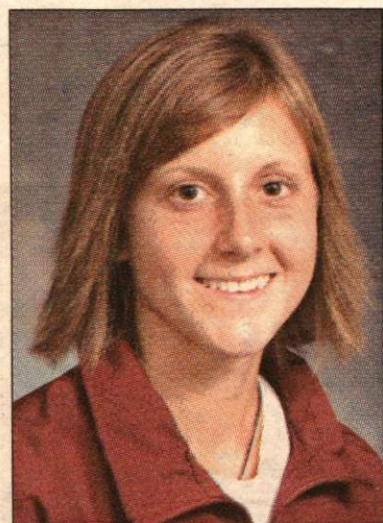
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# Athlete of the Week: Morgan Place



BY BRIAN MICHAUD  
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winning percentage. If there were a superbowl for cross-country, Place would be MVP right about now.

Recently, Place finished first at the St. Olaf Invitational on Sept. 20. Additionally, she set the course record for that race as well. This past weekend, Place finished first again, and helped lead the Bulldog women's cross-country team to their first ever Graik Invitational team championship.

During the months leading up to the season's beginning, Morgan was honored as the 2009 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Preseason Female Athlete of the Year for all NSIC cross country runners, a title she has undoubtedly earned with flying colors thus far. In her first season of competition last season, Place went six for nine, and breezed her way into the NCAA Division II national competition.

Here, she finished seventh, which is the best-ever finish by a UMD athlete, and earned All-American honors at the Division II level. To top it off, she is still the reigning NSIC titleholder of both the 3,000 meter indoor and 10,000 meter outdoor race. Based on these results, the only thing not to like about Place might be that she's a Packer fan.

## Runner and Student

Place is well on her way to an undergrad degree. When asked what she was planning to do after her time at UMD has completed, she maintained that the future is

open, but there will always remain one constant.

"I have no idea what my plans are for after UMD. I know I will definitely keep running because I love it and just couldn't see myself quitting cold turkey. As far as a career, I hope to find a job soon after school hopefully teaching." The transition from smalltown superstar to big city athlete isn't easy for some athletes, but Place is taking it in stride. Racing at the college level is a step up from high school competition, but she remains unchanged.

"I would have to say that my preparation for races has changed in some aspects but remains the same in others. I don't know if that makes sense, but I think what I am trying to say is that I probably run farther distances here than what I did in high school, but I try to prepare mentally the same as I always have."

Look forward to big things from this young Bulldog squad. They entered the season, predicted to finish second in the conference, but are on a mission to change the minds of those analysts.

"I am very excited with how our team is doing. I think we have a lot of strong runners on the team, and I am just really happy with where our team is at thus far into our season. I look forward to continue on into October and I think we can continue to improve each week and build as a team."

# Winning streak continues as Dogs pummel Marauders



DAVE WEICHEL/UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Sophomore Justin Claiborne runs after a reception Saturday.

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UMD rushed past the Marauders of Mary this weekend, extending their winning streak in the NSIC.

Isaac Odum, the junior sensation, found the endzone four more times Saturday afternoon in Bismarck, N.D., raising his season total to 15. That number is also the highest amount recorded by any other Division II running back to date. All this yard work from the UMD backfield made for an easy night for freshman quarterback Chase Vogler. The freshman threw up 12 passes, completing five of them for 55 yards. As an added touch, redshirt freshman Dan Dobson also saw his first action as a Bulldog, going three for five and recording his first 11 passing yards of his career.

On the other side of the ball, the Maroon and Gold proved to be just as dominant. Kiel Fechtekotter led the team in tackles, usurping companion Robbie Aurich's eight game streak.

Juniors continue to prevail as nose tackle John Kunz credits a career-high of nine tackles to his stat sheet, and junior cornerback Forest

Clements picked off the Marauder's quarterback.

Additionally, freshman free safety Cameron Harper snagged another ailing St. Mary pass for his first collegiate interception.

The Bulldogs are a perfect 4-0 in division play, and can boast a 4-1 mark on the season. Their only loss came from week two of their season against a very tough Central Washington team. The win this weekend marks the 12 straight for UMD on the road, the longest streak since the 1979 to 1983 seasons, and their 14th consecutive win against an NSIC opponent. That number is only one short of the UMD record.

The Bulldogs look to be right back into championship form as they return their overwhelming rushing attack back to the sanctuary of Malosky stadium this past weekend when they face off against NSIC opponent Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Judging by the way things went this past weekend, Moorhead has a reason to worry.

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doing all the hard work, and I couldn't say I've had the success I've had if it wasn't for them."

From Moorhead the Bulldogs packed their bags and headed to Crookston Sunday afternoon to take on the University of Minnesota Crookston. Although a sixth shut-

out wasn't in the cards for UMD, the Bulldogs still managed to pull off an impressive 6-1 victory.

The successful weekend on the road put the Bulldogs at an astounding 6-1-1 overall record and an undefeated 3-0 record in the NSIC. The current seven game winning streak is also the team's longest, according to the UMD Web site, since

the 2003 season when the Bulldogs went 14 straight games without a loss.

"Our goal is to be NSIC Conference Champs and make it to the Division II National Championship," Bengtson said. "It may seem far-fetched, but this is an attainable goal for us. And I have all the confidence in the world in our team."



## UMD cross country races to first Griak title



TAYLOR MARBLE/SUBMITTED

The women's cross country team has been tearing up the courses this fall, winning their first three meets of the season.

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Bulldog sports this fall are all dominating the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC), and the UMD women's cross-country team is no different. With the outstanding efforts of sophomore Morgan Place, who finished first in the first three races of the season it ap-

pears they are looking to better their finish from last year.

This weekend both the men and the women traveled to the Twin Cities to compete in the Griak, a well-known race across the country. UMD was on their game this weekend, winning the Maroon Division II race for the first time ever. Place won the race for the second time, propelling her teammates to finish

in the top 25.

Other scoring runners for the women were four juniors: Rachael Stack at 14, Carrie Wardell at 18, Bridget Hines at 20 and her sister Whitney Hines at 25. For the team it was their third win overall, after winning the race at St. Olaf last weekend.

The team beat out 21 other teams, with Augustana finishing third be-

hind the University of Manitoba. This was an upset according to the polls, with Augustana ranked fifth in the Division II poll as of last week, while UMD was ranked 11.

For Place, who was the NSIC Cross-Country Athlete of the Week last week, this was her third first place finish of the season and her ninth first place finish in 11 attempts in her career.

Last season the team was able to make it to the national team meet, the first time ever as a team and this year it seems they will make it even further. Next week the team will travel to Eau Claire, Wis., to try and continue the winning streak on Oct. 2. The following week they will be back in Duluth for the the Pine Hill invitational on Oct. 10.

## Soccer stays undefeated in NSIC conference play

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After last weekend's success with two home shutouts against Southwest Minnesota State University and Minnesota State University Mankato, the UMD Bulldog women's soccer team hit the road and headed west to take on their next victims.

Last Friday, the girls took on Minnesota State University Moorhead and walked off the field with their fifth consecutive shutout.

Junior forward Becky Anderson was the only one to score in the Bulldogs 1-0 victory over the Dragons. Junior forward Brittany Brown and senior Co-Captain Clare Dahmen assisted Anderson's first goal of the season.

Two weekends ago, on home turf, Dahmen received the offensive player of the week honor by the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) with her game winning header against Southwest Minnesota State University.

"After we scored, the whole team felt a huge

rush of excitement. We had already had so many opportunities, so after finally getting the ball in the net we couldn't help but celebrate," Dahmen said.

"But player of the week or not, you just have to go out there and play. Every day has its new challenges, so no matter how I did the game or week before, I still go out onto the field knowing there is some room for improvement."

Earlier this season junior goalie Hannah Bengtson was also honored by the NSIC with Defensive Player of the Week. Friday's game

put Bengtson on the map with five succeeding shutouts.

"Simply put, it feels great," Bengtson said. "Any goalie would love to have said they've had five shutouts in a row. But the reality is, and I'm not being modest, this really is the truth of it all, that it's a team effort. Although I sometimes let it get to my head, to keep myself confident, and tell myself 'I'm awesome'... in the end, it's the girls in front of me that are